(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the alternative arrangements made by the Government to provide the gas to the gas based Pipavav Power Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (e) It was decided in 1989 to allocate 1s from the yet to be developed Mid & South Tapti Fields to a power project to be put up at Pipavav and take the gas from Gandhar Fields to the HBJ pipeline system. However, subsequently keeping in view the fact that the investment decisions to develop Mid & South Tapti Fields were yet to be taken, it was agreed to allocate the Gandhar gas for two gas based power projects of 600 MW each in Gandhar area and to take the gas from Mid & South Tapti Fields to meet the existing commitments along the HBJ pipeline system. The Government of Gujarat have been advised accordingly.

Purchase of Petroleum Products from Private Refeneries

425. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation have decided to purchase petroleum products from the private refineries;

(b) if so, the names of refineries with whom the agreement has been reached, if any; and

(c) the details of the agreement arrived at with these refineries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Subject to Government approval, IOC has a proposal to enter into a marketing agreement with Reliance Petroleum Ltd. and Essar Oil Ltd. for five controlled products viz. LPG, MS, HSD, SKO and ATF during the period of transition of dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism i.e., upto 31.3.2002 and also beyond transition period.

Setting up of New Refineries in Public and Private Sector

426. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new refineries both in the public and private sector;

(b) if so, the places at which the new refineries are to be set up by the public and private sector; and

(c) the financial implications involved and the capacity of each refinery and the time by which these refineries are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The details of new refineries projects planned to be set up State-wise, during 9th Plan period under Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) in Public Sector/Joint Sector/ Private Sector alongwith the estimated investment, crude processing capacity and anticipated completion/production targets, are given in the enclosed statement *(see below)*